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SUBJECT: SUGGESTED MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT-ELECT JOHN EVANS
ATTA-MILLS

1. (U) Embassy Accra recommends the Department send the following congratulatory message to Ghana's President-elect John Evans Atta-Mills:

Please accept our nation's heartfelt congratulations on your victory in Ghana's recent presidential elections. You and your team deserve credit for a strong campaign that resulted in a majority of Ghana's voters entrusting you and the National Democratic Congress to lead the country for the next four years. We wish you success in carrying out your commitment to be a President for all Ghanaians. We hope that you will be able to enhance Ghana's strong democratic traditions as you work to unify the nation and build consensus and confidence in established institutions that will serve all the people of Ghana.

We also commend the Electoral Commission for its excellent work and professionalism in assuring an election that has been deemed free, fair, and transparent. Finally, we congratulate the Ghanaian people for their commitment to democracy and their forbearance during the protracted electoral process. This truly is a fine day for Ghanaian democracy.
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